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WE would direct attention to the circular of the State Board of Education alls. published in another column. It is a matter of some considerable moment to all who propose to teach in the public to the ravages of this fell destroyer raids from New York criminals, as the schools.

THE water contract was signed on Wednesday evening. The introduction of water puts Bloomfield in the front rank try, should it assume an epidemic form. help earn their own living in Trenton why we should not grow steadily and

Quite a number of the houses which have been taken under foreclosure, have been sold during the past four months, and unless new ones are built soon, we shall not have houses to offer those who will want to come here and reside.

THE column of "Ballots" which THE CITIZEN will hereafter poll every week, or thereabouts, is our own especial election. We shall nominate our own candidates and do all our own voting. We shall keep at it early and often, and shall take the best of eare not to be counted usual severity. out when there is any fun in the canvass.

this week one of those letters which have ble it will take deep root. made "Sophie Sparkle's" Saratoga correspondence famous. As it is a matter of personal kindness to THE CITIZEN from a New Jersey lady who does not live more than a thousand miles distant, we hereby record our appreciation and our thanks in a particular manner.

THE CHOLERA.

[PREPARED FOR THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.] The great interest taken in this disease at the present time is due to the rapid spread and fatality of the cholera in Egypt, with the probability of its introduction into the continent of Europe, and the more than possible chance of its reaching the shores of our own country and penetrating inward. With a view to give our readers an intelligent idea of the nature and cause of this malady we publish what we believe to be the generally accepted opinions concerning it.

While it may have existed, and probably did exist, before the present century, it first began to attract the attention of the medical profession generally in 1817. It then broke out as an epidemic in Bengal. Thence it began its fearful march, which continued until it had traveled entirely around the world, occupying a period of fifteen years. It did not reach this country until 1832, when, having made the passage of the Atlantic by an air wave, it appeared in Quebec on the 8th of June, and in Montreal on the 10th, traveling along the St. Lawrence river and the great lakes to the Mississippi Valley. On the 24th of June it struck New York. spreading north, and south as far as Charleston, S. C. It next visited this country in 1848, and several times since.

While the present epidemic may in some measure be traced to the Anglo-Egyptian war, it is more probably of Arabian birth. The origin of the disease is always shrouded in more or less mystery, the nature of the specific cause be ing unknown, but it is undoubtedly a peculiar epidemic influence. Few have the hardihood to claim that it is to any extent propagated by contagion. The existing evidence is opposed to this

India being its natural home, where it is rarely absent, it however is by no means confined to those limits, where the miasmatic regions might seem to account for it. The disease appears in the midst of deserts, in the depths of a Russian winter, and in ships at sea which have not been within miles of a cholera port. Perhaps the most reasonable of the

causes ascribed is that of invisible animalcules in the air. It is a well proved fact that cholera travels in belts, or sweeps through the air in advance of ships and communicates the disease to neighborhoods which have had no com- the other townships. There is another

made in regard to them. FIELD, NEW JERSEY." OUR OFFICE IS OVER THE the complaint. It is from a combination and not of the place. of these causes that the poorest and most wretched classes suffer more than those

who are well to do. There is no better definition of the distion which she enjoys of swift and sure in ease and its effect than to say it is a her administration of justice. universal squeeze. Those who suffered One week ago to-day, three New York last winter from what was then prevalent, thieves and desperadoes attacked Cashier and known as winter cholera, can form Smith, of Orange, in a D., L., and W. train some conception of the fitness of this at Hoboken. They failed in their scheme WE DO NOT THEREBY ENDORSE THEIR OPINIONS. term. Few cases recover from the state of robbery and took to their heels, but Agent for all first-class Fire Insurance Companies of collapse into which the system is were all captured after a sharp chase. On NEWS ITEMS, NOTICES AND REPORTS MUST BE SENT | quickly thrown. In the present epidemic | Monday morning they were brought into | DR. JOSEPH A. DAVIS.

and Wales alone the number of victims of New Jersey are especially exposed to reached over fifty-three thousand; and western counties are to those from Philain 1854 over twenty thousand succumbed. delphia, and a very large proportion of

of suburban towns; and there is no reason With the constant and strict quarantine than to permit them to return unmolesthardly likely that such cases as may drels find a safe harbor. be imported through our commercial relations with other countries cannot be guarded and controlled. But should it feed, the end is only conjectural.

precaution plainly indicated. If it does land enough on all sides to make it pos-WE have the pleasure of publishing not find filth to feed upon, it is not proba-sible to put stairways wherever they will

VITAL STATISTICS.

From time to time, and from certain convenient well-defined sources, reports of the unnealthfulness of Bloomfield come forth. We hear that malaria seizes upon those pital, London—which has had by far the who venture out of doors when the sun is near the meridian or below the horizon; and that still more deadly and dangerous diseases lurk within our homes. Children are difficult to raise, and adults are cut off in their prime. Hearing these sombre tidings, the uninformed person thinks this town a particularly good one to pass through or around; and, in many cases, acts upon his first impression, to his own detriment and ours.

name. We have an idea that the case of a town is not unlike that of the profit and trust. proverbial dog. We intend, therefore, to of the hands of the spiteful, the malicious, and the ignorant, and let those who know whereof they speak, and have a certain predilection for the truth, be heard. We have but slight hope that adverse facts will have any effect upon opinions born of prejudice and nurtured by interest, except, perhaps, to cause them to be held the more tenaciously; but a statement of the truth at once separates the great public from the despicably few scandal-

mongers, and renders them harmless objects of contempt. A slight study of the statistics published by the State Board of Health, in their annual report for the year 1882, is sufficient to make clear the fact that for healthfulness Bloomfield is not only not ness. Terms reasonable. surpassed by any place in Essex County, The following table gives the deaths

per thousand in the different cities and Livingston...... 13.57 East Orange...... 13.65 Bloomfield 14.40 Clinton 14:40 Milburn 18:80 Montclair 20.00 West Orange..... 20:00

Newark...... 28.66 Death rate per thousand, without cities

It is thus seen that the rate in Livingston, East Orange, Caldwell, Bloomfield, Cor. GLENWOOD & LINDEN AVES. and Clinton is practically the same, and lower (in some cases much lower) than in munication with infected ports. This fact to be gathered from the table, which

disease therefore being not contagious, will, we think, be rather startling to there is no reason for neglecting its vic- those people. who are fond of talking tims through fear of one contracting about Bloomfield's being "down in a valit from the other. This fear has worked ley." The valley towns are among the most great mischief to sufferers through neglect favored by the absence of death. East engendered by it. The difference be Orange and Bloomfield occupy the plain tween the terms epidemic and contagious on the east of the trap ridge, and Caldis not so fully understood by the average well and Livingston the one on the west. reader but that mistakes are constantly Some of the hill towns, on the contrary, show high figures in the death column. THOMAS C. PROVOST, Among the predisposing causes, the There is no chance about this, either. popular idea that fear is one of the High altitude does not necessarily mean principal, is not without foundation. good drainage or pure air. The deep Fear is a powerfully depressing agent, and stratum of gravel which underlies Bloomthere is no doubt that persons have often field, and its numerous streams, secure been literally scared into an attack of for it almost as perfect a surface and cholera. Whatever is calculated to di- under drainage as can be conceived of, minish the vital energies debility from with all the sanitary vantage ground any cause-intemperance, residence in which these conditions imply. If the low, damp places, impure air or drinking health of the town were not most excelwater, and improper food, all tend to invite lent, it would be the fault of the people

> JERSEY JUSTICE. New Jersey fully deserves the reputa-

TO THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY EVE- this comes on in some instances within court, and realizing that in Jersey there NING OF EACH WEEN, IF THEY ARE TO AFFEAR two hours after the commencement of was no chance of escape two of them pleaded guilty, and were promptly sen-The only available treatment unfortu- tenced to ten years at hard labor in the nately yet known is the preventive treat- State prison. This was the full penalty ment, and that is indicated in the very of the law. Judge McGill told them he beginning of the disease. Of course we would give them more if he could do so, except patent medicines and other cure- and it is a matter of regret that the term Dr. W. H. WHITE. is not longer; still, ten years is a large In the epidemic of 1848-49, in England part of one's life. The eastern counties Thus we can easily see what might be our convicts come from these two States.

the result of its introduction into this coun- It is cheaper, however, to make them regulations observed at all our ports, it is ed to New York, where so many scoun-

SCHOOL EXITS.

The last number of THE CITIZEN consweep over the sea, as it can, taking pas- tained a communication from our townssage in the air, swooping down on such a man, Mr. R. W. Gardner, concerning the DR. E. M. WARD, city as New York, where it can find in the stairways and means of exit from the tenement districts filth upon which to central school building. As it has been de cided that a new building will not be Cold, which cuts short a yellow fever erected immediately upon the Liberty scourge, seems to be powerless to cope Street lot, the overcrowding at the cenwith the cholera poison, for it has lived tral school must be endured for a year or and flourished in Moscow and more two longer. That renders it all the more JOHN E. WILSON, M.D., northern portions of the Russian Empire important that the stairways should be throughout an entire winter of the safe and easily reached. As regards the plan suggested, we offer no criticism. Strict cleanliness in our cities is the Fortunately, the school district owns be most available. We think that all the voters, who have attended public meetings on the third floor, will agree that DR. F. W. BENNETT, the front staircase is very narrow and in-

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